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In re application of:

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Molecules Associated with Plants**

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed October 8, 2002 (Paper Number 13)
("Office Action"), Applicant submits the following amendment and remarks:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 3, immediately following the
title and replace it with the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application 09/521,640,
filed March 10, 2000, which is a continuation-in-part of U.S. patent application
09/421,106, filed October 15, 1999; this application also claims priority to U.S. patent
application 60/130,465, filed April 22, 1999.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel non-elected claims 4, 8, and 11 without prejudice to or disclaimer
of the subject matter contained therein.